

Richard L. Strout

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Richard L. Strout

Span Dates: 1900-1991

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1950-1980)

ID No.: MSS82759

Creator: Strout, Richard L. (Richard Lee), 1898-

Extent: 6,000 items; 17 containers; 6.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Journalist. Correspondence, diaries, notes, printed matter, and writings relating to Strout's association with the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *New Republic*, and other publications.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Strout, Richard L. (Richard Lee), 1898-

Burns, James MacGregor--Correspondence

Davis, Saville R.--Correspondence

Stringer, William H.--Correspondence

White, E. B. (Elwyn Brooks), 1899- --Correspondence

Stroud family--Correspondence

Subjects:

Christian science monitor

New republic

American periodicals

Great Britain--Description and travel

Ireland--Description and travel

Occupation:

Journalists

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Richard L. Strout, journalist, were given to the Library of Congress by the estate of his wife, Ernestine Strout, via Alan M. Strout in 1994. The estate gave an addition in 1999.

Processing History:

The Richard L. Strout Papers are described in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division*, 1994-1995, pp. 84-85, 115.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Richard L. Strout Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1898, Mar. 14	Born, Cohoes, N.Y.
1915	Attended Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.
1917	Commissioned second lieutenant, U.S. Army
1919	A.B. degree, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1919-1921	Reporter, <i>Independent</i> , Sheffield, England
1922-1984	Columnist, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i>
1923	M.A. degree, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1924	Married Edith R. Mayne (died 1932)
1936	Published with E. B. White <i>Farewell to the Model T</i> . New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1939	Married Ernestine Wilke Published <i>Maud</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.
1943-1983	Columnist, <i>New Republic</i> , TRB column
1958	Received George Polk Memorial Award for national reporting
1974	Awarded Sidney Hillman Foundation Prize
1975	Received Fourth Estate Award, National Press Club
1978	Awarded Pulitzer Prize Special Citation
1979	Published <i>TRB: Views and Perspectives on the Presidency</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.
1990, Aug. 19	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard Lee Strout (1898-1990) span the years 1900-1991, with the bulk of the material dating from 1950 to 1980. The papers are organized in the following series: [Family Papers](#), [Professional File](#), and [Speeches and Writings File](#). The [Family Papers](#) series includes correspondence among family members, chiefly Strout's letters to his parents. Two diaries record his trips to England, Ireland, and Scotland in the early 1920s. The notebooks contain expense records and miscellaneous memoranda. Strout's involvement with church, school, and military activities is well documented. The [Professional File](#) series contains awards, correspondence, notes, and printed matter regarding Strout's career as a journalist. A section pertaining to his association with the *Christian Science Monitor* includes correspondence with heads of the paper's Washington bureau, Saville R. Davis and William H. Stringer. General correspondence contains responses to Strout's columns and letters with colleagues, chiefly James MacGregor Burns and E. B. White. The notebooks list the fees Strout received for his articles. The [Speeches and Writings File](#) contains Strout's research material as well as texts of his speeches and writings. The research material includes newspaper clippings, printed matter, and notes. Of particular interest are Strout's notes on

special occasions such as Franklin D. Roosevelt's last press conference. Along with the texts of Strout's speeches are related notes and printed matter. His writings include articles, autobiographical stories, poems, short stories, and papers written for school.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three series:

- [Family Papers, 1905-1991, n.d.](#)
- [Professional File, 1919-1991, n.d.](#)
- [Speeches and Writings File, 1900-1989, n.d.](#)

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